Protect Your Mobile Device with a Passcode

There are two sets of step-by-step instructions below. The first set is for the iPhone or iPad. The second set of instructions are for an Android device using Google's operating system.

iPhone & iPad Instructions

Before you begin, think about a 4 character password. Please do not use your birthdate or any other public information. Write down your Passcode (aka PIN) before you type it in.

1) Tap **Settings**.
2) Tap **Passcode** or **Touch & Passcode**.
3) Tap **Turn on Passcode**.
4) Tap your 4 character PIN.
5) Re-tap your 4 character PIN (to double check that you tapped what you intended).

That's it. A+! So, from now on you'll need to enter your PIN in order to access your iPhone or iPad.

Android Smartphone & Tablet Instructions

You're going to have a choice of which method to use to protect your smartphone or tablet. You could use your face (Face Unlock) to identify you. Surprisingly Face Lock is not the most secure choice as there are people who share your facial characteristics. You could choose Pattern where you drag your finger across the screen in a particular pattern or you could type in a PIN (usually numeric), or a Password (usually a combination of letters, numbers, and even symbols). Both the PIN and Password must be at least 4 characters long, but no longer than 17 characters.

1) Tap **Settings Cog**.
2) Tap **Security**.
3) Tap **Screen Lock**.
4) Choose between **Face Unlock**, **Pattern**, **PIN**, or **Password**. Tap on your choice. Type or swipe your code.
5) Tap **Continue**.
6) Re-tap your code (to double check you that you tapped what you intended).
7) Tap **OK**.

Well done! So, from now on you'll need to tap your Pattern, PIN or Password to access your device.